

水道は潮流が速いので、いわゆる賭けによる拡散で渡ったとも考えにくい。いずれにしても、ウスグロメクラチビゴミムシの分化拡散の経緯を解明するためには、より多くの証拠が必要で、近い将来にその断片でも発見されて、推論の根拠により高い信頼性の付加されることが望まれる。

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New Records of the Species of the Genus *Platysoma* (Coleoptera, Histeridae) from the Ryukyus, Japan

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Through the courtesy of Dr. Kiyoshi ANDO, I had the opportunity to examine the histerid collection of Mr. Taichi SHIBATA housed in the Kashihara City Museum, Nara Prefecture, Japan. Under close examination of the collection, I found three unrecorded histerid species of the genus *Platysoma* from the Islands of Amami-Ôshima and Hateruma-jima, the Ryukyus, Japan. The collecting data are as given below:

Platysoma (Platysoma) unicum BICKHARDT, 1912

Platysoma (Platysoma) unicum: ÔHARA, 1986, 96 [Tokara-nakano-shima, Ishigaki-jima, Taketomi-jima; Taiwan]; 1999, 88 [Ishigaki-jima].

Specimens examined. Japan: Ryukyu. [Tokara-nakano-shima] 14–VII–1961, Y. HAMA. [Ishigaki-jima] 1 ex., Yonehara, 8–VIII–1956, M. YASUI. [Hateruma-jima] 1 ex., 27–VII–1964, T. ITO.

Distribution. Japan (Ryukyu: Tokara-nakano-shima, Taketomi-jima; Ishigaki-jima; Hateruma-jima); Taiwan. New to Hateruma-jima.

Platysoma (Platylister) atratum ERICHSON, 1834

Platysoma (Platylister) atratum: SAWADA, 1988, 40 [Izu Isls.: Miyake-jima]; ÔHARA, 1994, 96 [Kyushu, Yaku-shima, Ryukyu: Tokara-nakano-shima, Amami-Ôshima, Tokuno-shima, Okinawa-Hontô, Taketomi-jima]; 1999, 91 [Tokara-nakano-shima, Amami-Ôshima].

Specimens examined. Japan: Ryukyu. [Amami-Ôshima] 1 ex., Ikari, 4–VI–1960, T. SHIBATA; 1 ex., Shimmura, 27–V–1960, T. SHIBATA. [Hateruma-jima] 27–VII–1964, M. YASUI.

Distribution. Japan (Kyushu, Izu Isls., Yaku-shima, Ryukyu: Tokara-nakano-shima, Amami-Ôshima, Tokuno-shima, Okinawa-Hontô, Taketomi-jima, Hateruma-jima); Taiwan; Vietnam; Burma; Laos; southeastern China; India; Nepal. New to Hateruma-jima.

Platysoma (Platylister) horni BICKHARDT, 1913

Platysoma (Platylister) horni: ÔHARA, 1994, 103 [Ishigaki-jima]; 1999, 91 [Ishigaki-jima, Iriomote-jima].

Specimens examined. Japan: Ryukyu. [Amami-Ôshima] 1 ex., Ikari, 29–V–1960, T. SHIBATA.

Distribution. Japan (Ryukyu: Amami-Ôshima, Ishigaki-jima, Iriomote-jima) and Taiwan. New to Amami-Ôshima.

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